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In re Application of: )

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: Group Art Unit: 2612

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## For: IMAGE PROCESSING

## APPARATUS AND METHOD

Examiner: L. Ye

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 5, 2004, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter and consider the following election and remarks.

## REMARKS

In the Official Action dated May 5, 2004, the Examiner entered a Restriction Requirement and an Election of Species Requirement. Specifically, the Examiner identified the following three groups of claims as being directed to patentably distinct inventions:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Claims</u>
I	Claims 10 to 16, drawn to an image processing apparatus/method using a plurality of different image reproduction parameters, setting means, and converting means (Class 348, subclass 223.1).